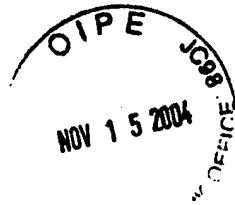


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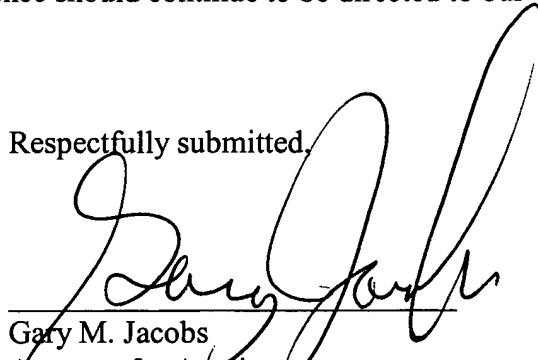
Sir:

On September 7, 2004 Applicants filed an Amendment After Allowance and a substitute specification. To-date, Applicants have not received any communication acknowledging entry of these documents by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue a paper entering the September 7, 2004 Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification, since the Amendment After Allowance and substitute specification merely correct minor informalities in the claims and the specification.

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